REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Notice of Allowance mailed March 24, 2006. At the time of the Notice of Allowance, Claims 1, 4-18, 29, 32, 80-115, 117-120, 122-129, 132-134 and 142-151 were allowed in this Application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants enclose an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form 1449, without copies of the references, for the Examiner's review and consideration.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

Applicants enclose a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$395.00 RCE fee to Deposit Account Number 50-2148 of Baker Botts, L.L.P.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for allowance in light of the amendments and remarks set forth above. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending Claims.

Applicants enclose a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and authorize the Commissioner to charge the \$395.00 RCE fee to Deposit Account Number 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.. Applicants believe there are no additional fees due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2580.

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Enclosures:

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